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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
on House amendments to Senate Bill 227
Report No. 2, April 23, 2007

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Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

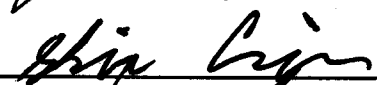
We, your Conference Committee met and considered House amendments to **Senate Bill 227**
(reference copy -- salmon) and recommend this Conference Committee report be adopted.

For the Senate:


Sen. Jesse Laslovich Chair


Sen. Larry Jent


Sen. Jim Shockley


Amendment Coordinator

Secretary of the Senate

For the House:


Rep. Roger Koopman


Rep. Krayton Kerns


Rep. Holly Raser

And, recommend that **Senate Bill 227** (reference copy -- salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 12.

Following: "CONFERENCE;"

Insert: "PROVIDING THAT A PARTY AT THE PARTY'S DISCRETION MAY
APPEAR IN CERTAIN JUSTICE'S COURT PRETRIAL PROCEEDINGS BY
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE;"

2. Title, line 13.

Following: "25-31-710,"

Insert: "25-31-710,"

ADOPT

REJECT

Amendment # SB 227-2

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3. Page 5.

Following: line 8

Insert: "Section 6. Section 25-31-710, MCA, is amended to read:

"25-31-710. Pretrial conferences or hearings -- appearance by telephone conference. (1) ~~At the discretion of the court, a~~ A party or the party's attorney may make an appearance by telephone conference in a pretrial conference or other hearing under this chapter if:

(a) the party does not need to or intend to offer evidence at the pretrial conference or hearing; ~~and~~

(b) the party does not reside within the county in which the case is filed or the party's or the party's attorney's principal place of business is not located in that county; ~~and~~

(c) at least 10 days before the pretrial conference or other hearing, the party or the party's attorney intending to appear by telephone conference provides written notice to the court and to all parties or the attorneys for the parties.

(2) The party requesting the telephone conference is responsible for arranging the telephone conference and paying the associated costs.""

Renumber: subsequent section

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PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY